



Certification/Endorsement Support Documents for Educators

Requirements for Literacy Specialist Certificate (092)

Please see below for the requirements to qualify for both a conditional and/or professional certificate. Please note that the endorsement code is 092, which will be used throughout the application process. If you believe you qualify for either a conditional or professional certificate, please submit an initial application through our online MEIS system.

Three-year conditional certificate requirements include:

- (1) Bachelor's degree
- (2) 9 Graduate Hours in Literacy
- (3) Two years of teaching experience **OR** a Professional certificate with a subject area endorsement
- (4) Background check approval (CHRC) – based on fingerprints

Five-year professional certificate requirements include completion of sections below. Please note there are two separate transcript analysis pathways in addition to receiving a recommendation and completing a literacy specialist program from an approved educator preparation program.

Transcript Analysis Pathway 1

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| NOTE: The number in () indicates the number of semester hours required. | | |
| Section A: | | |
| (1) | Bachelor’s degree | |
| (2) | Master’s degree in literacy/reading | |
| (3) | Two years of teaching experience OR a Professional certificate with a subject area endorsement | |
| (4) | Graduate Literacy/Reading Clinic (3) in addition to Master’s degree | |
| (5) | Teaching Exceptional Students in the Regular Classroom (3) | |
| (6) | Background check approval (CHRC) – based on fingerprints | |
| Section B: PRAXIS II | | |
| Reading Specialist | Test Code 5301 | Score 164 |

Transcript Analysis Pathway 2

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| NOTE: The number in () indicates the number of semester hours required. |
| Section A: |
| (1) Bachelor's degree |
| (2) Graduate semester hours in literacy (24) |
| (3) Two years of teaching experience |
| (4) Graduate Literacy/Reading Clinic (3) in addition to semester hours in A.2 |
| (5) Teaching Exceptional Students in the Regular Classroom (3) |
| (6) Background check approval (CHRC) – based on fingerprints |
| Section B: PRAXIS II |
| Reading Specialist Test Code 5301 Score 164 |
| Section C: Principles of Learning and Teaching Level K-6 or 7-12 |

Helpful Tips:

- For fingerprint information please visit: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert/fingerprinting>
- To register for a PRAXIS exam please visit www.ets.org/praxis/me/requirements.
- To get pre-approval for a course to fulfill a requirement, please email title of course and course description to cert.doe@maine.gov